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For: IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS)	
AND INFORMATION)	
PROCESSING METHOD FOR)	
IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS)	

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Respectfully submitted,

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